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TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO
SUBJ: ICAO: TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF ADVISORY AIRSPACE IN
NICOSIA FIR

REF: A) USUN 0780, B) MONTREAL 393

1. MORNING MARCH 17 IATA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHAW CALLED ON
US REP FOR A) BRIEF DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS; B)
EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN ON PART OF AIRLINES; C) SUGGESTION
THAT COUNCIL ITSELF SHOULD TAKE FIRM POSITION.

2. ON SOCIAL OCCASION EVENING MARCH 15 US REP ASCERTAINED
THAT PRESIDENT/COUNCIL HAD NOT RECEIVED FEEDBACK TO EFFORT
REPORTED REFTEL B). US REP URGED PRES/COUNCIL NOT TO WAIT
TOO LONG BEFORE FOLLOWING UP WITH SYG WALDHEIM.

3. US REP MET WITH PRES/COUNCIL NOON MARCH 17 AND RECEIVED
FOLLOWING REPORT: AFTERNOON MARCH 16 PRESIDENT KOTAITE
CALLED WALDHEIM. WHILE TALKING, TELEX CAME IN FROM UN REP
NICOSIA WHICH WAS READ TO KOTAITE. IT INDICATED THAT ICAO
MESSAGE HAD BEEN PROPERLY TRANSMITTED HOWEVER IT REPORTED ON
A SECOND MEETING BETWEEN UN REP AND TFSC MINISTER ON ANOTHER
SUBJECT AT WHICH UN REP HAD NOT REPEAT NOT MENTIONED AGAIN THE
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AIRSPACE PROBLEM. SYG WAS UPSET AND SAID HE COULD NOT UNDER-
STAND THIS IN VIEW OF URGENCY RE THIS MATTER. HE INSTRUCTED
HIS REP TO GO BACK TO MINISTER WITH ANOTHER REPRESENTATION AND
AT LEAST REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF MARCH 21 ADVISORY.

4. SYG TOLD KOTAITE THAT HE HOPES FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MARCH 21
ISSUANCE SO THAT HE, WALDHEIM, CAN TAKE UP ISSUE AT MARCH 31

VIENNA MEETING ON OVERALL PROBLEM. (KOTAITE INDICATED HOWEVER THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE SYG HAD ANY REASON TO THINK THAT A POSTPONEMENT WAS BEING CONSIDERED.)

5. KOTAITE SHOWED US REP ENTIRE ICAO FILE CONFIRMING PRESENT STATUS THIS MATTER INCLUDING CABLE FROM PRESIDENT/COMMON MARKET INDICATING STRONG EFFORT TO GET EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO ACT. US REP SAW COPY OF IATA TELEGRAM TO DCA OF TFSC WHICH DESCRIBES GRAVITY OF SITUATION AND ADVISES THAT AIRLINES WILL HAVE NO CHOICE ON MARCH 31 BUT CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNDER EXISTING ICAO NICOSIA FIR.

6. US REP POINTED OUT TO KOTAITE THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT AND "NOTAM" WOULD BE CONSIDERED "IN EFFECT" AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY (MARCH 21). ASKING IF HE INTENDS TO SEEK COUNCIL ACTION OR EVEN ADVISE COUNCIL, US REP SURMISED THAT A) THIS MIGHT STRENGTHEN THE REPRESENTATION OF PRES/COUNCIL, AND B) IT COULD SAVE POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD THERE BE INCIDENT NEXT WEEK AND HE HAS NOT ADVISED COUNCIL OF SITUATION. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN EXERCISING SOME DISCRETION IN HOPE OF AVOIDING AGGRAVATION OF BAD POLITICAL SITUATION. US REP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THAT APPROACH.

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCIL KOTAITE REQUESTED US REP TO ASK WASHINGTON FOR GUIDANCE RE THIS MATTER, ESPECIALLY ANY ALTERNATIVE CHANNELS OR ALTERNATE METHODS THAT MIGHT BE INFLUENTIAL. FYI: COUNCIL MEETS 10 AM, MARCH 18, AND AFTERNOON MARCH 21. END FYI. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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